

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS

Public benefits

- Public knowledge of aging programs and services is essential
- Lack of funding and single access point to seek information on benefits and/or apply

Community needs assessments

- Needs assessment to facilitate planning for senior friendly communities
- Community assessment coupled with the development of an Area Agency on Aging strategic plan
- Assessment of needs is essential
- Inadequate focus on the impact of large number of retirees into the area
- Lack of attention to the infrastructure development in communities to meet needs of larger senior population
- Assessment of services/resource availability

Planning and coordination

- Employers must prepare for boomer retirement
- Boomer impact
- Coordinated long range plan for future of aging services
- Lack of advanced planning for financial, health, and long-term care needs
- Development of a senior center in many counties
- Establishment of a taskforce to examine successful programs in rural counties
- Involve diverse segments of community to plan for aging programs
- Multiple planning teams creating duplication of effort
- Lack of integrated single point access planning
- Streamline planning process by collapsing planning groups into one effort
- Number of retirees migrating to the area highlights the need to disseminate relocation information specific to older adults to facilitate planning for current or future needs
- Many seniors don't know where to look for help. They also aren't knowledgeable about services and programs that exist

Program evaluation

- Drop programs that are not effective

Public and private funding sources

- Pursue avenues to leverage funding sources
- Any new program or service that costs is difficult to initiate
- Aging service providers and residents would like the help of a nonprofit grant writer
- The community must find ways to increase public and private funding sources for services
- Utilize increased community collaboration to maximize community resources
- There is limited public funding available and limited private funding as well

Taxes

- More focus on planning for decreased tax base due to fewer people in the workforce as well as decreased pool of workers

Representation in public affairs

- Expand/ promote
- Seek support for aging programs from state and local elected officials
- The community needs to expand Information and Assistance resources

